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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank, USDA.

ACTION: Staff briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 1998.

PLACE: Room 0204, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: General discussion involving:

1. Current telecommunications industry issues;
2. Retirement of class A stock in FY 1998;
3. Annual dividend rate for class C stock;
4. Liquidating account and Federal Credit Reform;
5. Status of PBO planning;
6. Allowance for loan losses reserve;
7. Annual report for FY 1997; and
8. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 21, 1998.

PLACE: The Williamsburg Room, Room 104-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on the May 15, 1998, Minutes.
3. Report on loans approved in the third quarter of FY 1998.
4. Summary of financial activity for the third quarter of FY 1998.

5. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 1998.

6. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.

7. Action on the Bank's annual report for FY 1997.

8. Adjournment.

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Dated: August 7, 1998.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of advisory committee members and date of first meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has decided to establish an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (Committee) includes organizations which represent the interests affected by the accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels. This notice also announces the times of the first Committee meeting, which will be open to the public. A subsequent notice will announce the specific location within the Washington, DC area, where the meeting will be held.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 24 and 25, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: A subsequent notice will announce the specific location within the Washington, DC area, where the meeting will be held.

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Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 19 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail pvaac@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site (<http://www.access-board.gov/rules/pvaac.htm>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 30, 1998, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) published a notice of intent to establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations for developing a proposed rule addressing accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered passenger vessels covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. 63 FR 15175 (March 30, 1998). The notice identified the interests that are likely to be significantly affected by the accessibility guidelines: owners and operators of various passenger vessels; designers or manufacturers of passenger vessels; individuals with disabilities; and others affected by accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels.

Over 90 nominations were submitted. Approximately 30 nominations were received from travel consultants. About 17 other nominations were received from individual members of the public who have disabilities (or have family members who have disabilities), most of whom indicated that they have experience with passenger vessels. Eight nominations were received from organizations representing persons with disabilities. Over 15 nominations were received from access consultants and attorneys with experience in accessibility issues. The remaining nominations primarily consisted of organizations representing the passenger vessel industry which includes some State and local government entities.

For the reasons stated in the notice of intent, the Access Board has determined that establishing the Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (Committee) is necessary and in the public interest. The Access Board has appointed 23 members to the Committee from the following organizations: American Classic Voyages